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Fort McHenry National Monument & Historic Shrine 2016 Photo Contest

**~ Celebrating 100 Years of the National Park Service ~
June 15 – July 31, 2016**

NPS Centennial – The National Park Service celebrates the achievements of the past 100 years with opportunities to explore, learn, and simply have fun in their 400 + national parks. The National Park Service is committed to creating community-based recreation, conservation, and historic preservation programs that positively impact their own communities.

The National Park Foundation and the National Park Service created the Find Your Park movement to inspire people across the United States to visit their public lands. They invite those who have already explored the national parks to advocate to the next generation of visitors and supporters the importance of the national parks, so that we may enjoy the second century of stewardship!

To support the #FindYourPark campaign and the NPS Centennial, we invite visitors to submit up to three photos per email address that highlight Fort McHenry to FortMcHenryPhotos@gmail.com between the dates of June 15 and July 31, 2016. The winner will be announced on August 25, 2016 – the 100 year anniversary of the National Park Service. The winner's picture will be featured on the 2017 Fort McHenry Annual Pass.

Photos must feature Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, and will be judged by originality, artistic composition, technical quality, and photographic technique. All legal residents of the United States who are amateur photographers with less than 20% of total income from photography are encouraged to enter. Parent/legal guardian are also eligible to submit if photographer is under 18.

For more information, visit the Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine website at www.nps.gov/fomc or contact Nicci Talley at 410-962-4290 x115.



Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine 2016 Photo Contest Guidelines

When: Photos must be taken between January 1st, 2016 and July 31st, 2016 and contest entries are accepted from June 15, 2016 to July 31st, 2016. Winners will be announced on August 25, 2016.

How: Submit photos to FortMcHenryPhotos@gmail.com. Only submit photos that you yourself have taken. Submitted photos must be .jpg, 25 mb or smaller with as high a resolution (200 DPI preferred) as possible.

Judging: Photos will be judged by originality, artistic composition, technical quality, photographic technique and whether the photograph showcases Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine.

Why: We are looking for the official photo that will be featured on the Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine 2017 Annual Pass.

Who's Eligible to Enter: Legal residents of the 50 United States who are amateur photographers with less than 20% of total income from photography that submit a photo taken by himself/herself are eligible to enter. Parent/legal guardian also eligible to submit if photographer is under 18.

What not to do: Alter or manipulate photos except for minimal cropping, red eye removal and/or adjustment of contrast, brightness or saturation. Do not break any laws or rules of federal lands; take photos of anything inappropriate, indecent or obscene, or of watermarks or logos.



Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine 2016 Contest Official Rules

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. MAKING A PURCHASE WILL NOT AFFECT YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING. THIS CONTEST IS OPEN ONLY TO LEGAL RESIDENTS OF THE 50 UNITED STATES, OR WASHINGTON, D.C. ANY ENTRANT UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN (18) MUST HAVE A PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENT TO ENTER THIS CONTEST. ENTRY INTO THIS CONTEST CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE OF THESE OFFICIAL RULES. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW.

Employees, officers, directors, agents and representatives of the National Park Foundation, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Forest Services and individuals who derive 20% or more of their income from photography are prohibited from entering this contest.

1. **Promotion Period:** This Contest runs between June 15, 2016 12:00 a.m. EST through July 31, 2016 11:59 p.m. Judging will begin on August 1 and end August 15, 2016. A winner will be announced on August 25, 2016.
2. **To Enter:** Eligible individuals may enter this Contest by emailing: FortMcHenryPhotos@gmail.com. Participants can enter only three (3) photographs per email address. Photo must not exceed 25 mb and must be in .jpg format. No alterations or manipulation of photographs is permitted except for cropping, red eye removal, and/or adjustment of contrast and brightness. Photographs with watermarks, writing or symbols of any kind will be rejected. Photographs must be taken on federal property, and must be of Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine. Photographs depicting anything that does not adhere to the rules of Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, contain unsafe acts, present resource or public use management concerns or photographs that are inappropriate, indecent or obscene, as determined by staff in their sole discretion, shall be disqualified. National Park Service rules must be followed when taking photographs. By submitting your entry, you (parent/legal guardian if entrant is a minor in her/his state of residence) agree that the photograph conforms to the guidelines and content restrictions set forth above and that the staff may remove the photographs and disqualify you from this Contest if they believe that the photographs fails to conform to such guidelines and restrictions.
 - a. Entries must be submitted by the original creator, or legal parent/guardian of original creator.
 - b. By entering this Contest, the winning entry (parent/legal guardian if entrant is a minor in his/her state of residence) agrees to have the submitted photograph used and displayed, either singularly or in combination with others and in any size, on the official Contest website and social media platforms and on the websites, social media, and print materials of the Sponsors as well as their respective designees without any fee or other form of compensation due at any time for so long as desired by Fort McHenry. Credits, descriptions or titles, if any, used with the photograph(s) are Fort McHenry's staff sole discretion. In the event that ownership of any photograph submitted is challenged in any manner by any person, Fort McHenry staff may disqualify that photograph and will discontinue use of the photograph.
 - c. All submitted photographs may be published in other materials to promote Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine.